

REMARKS**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 1 and 2 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action at pages 2-3, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore not repeated. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Amended claim 1 is directed to a business information managing system implemented in a computer connected to an electronic network. Support for the same may be found in the Specification, at least at page 3, lines 9 through 18. Amended claim 2 is directed to a business information managing method implemented in a computer connected to an electronic network, where the terminals used by the registered members are connected to the same electronic network. Support for the same may be found in the Specification, at least at page 7, lines 12 to 18.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action at pages 3-4, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to improve the clarity of the claims.

The preamble of claim 1 has been amended to recite a "business information managing system," eliminating the ambiguity raised by the phrase "business deal." Claim 1 has also been amended to clarify that the "business information reception unit" is implemented as part of a computer connected to an electronic network, and that the "confirmation information reception unit" is another part of the same computer. The amendments to the claim also clarify that the "terminals" are used by "registered members."

The preamble of claim 2 has been amended to recite a "business information managing method" to eliminate ambiguity. Further, the claim has been amended to clarify that this

business information management method is implemented in a computer connected to an electronic network, and the terminal is connected to the same electronic network.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action at pages 4-6, numbered item 6, claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030158960 by Engberg. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Engberg describes a privacy infrastructure platform having the fundamental structure shown in Figure 5. This platform provides for “a method for commercial transactions between a first legal entity and a second legal entity, wherein a first communication path is established between the first legal entity and a third legal entity.” Engberg at paragraph 0070.

The present invention, in contrast to that of Engberg, establishes a communication path between the computer in which the business information reception unit receives “purchase information from a registered member containing a plurality of items over said electronic network,” and the confirmation information reception unit receives “accuracy information from a user terminal used by said registered member and connected to said electronic network.” Thus, unlike Engberg, no intervening third party exists between the computer and the terminal for filtering or manipulating information. Instead, the information is conveyed directly from terminal to computer via the electronic network. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least this reason, claims 1 and 2 patentably distinguish over the prior art and are in condition for allowance.

NEW CLAIMS

New independent claims 3 and 4 have been added to set forth the invention in varying scope.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

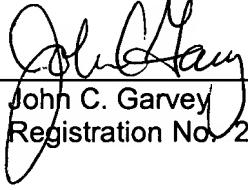
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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